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SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

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WELFARE OF SCHEDULED CASTES
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether some States showed laxity in spending the funds sanctioned in respect of the development schemes for scheduled castes during the last three years;

(b) if so, the names of those States;

(c) whether any guidelines have been issued by the Government to the States which have diverted the funds sanctioned for the schemes meant for development of Scheduled Castes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN)

(a)&(b) Yes, Sir. The pace of utilization of Special Central Assistance funds by State Government of Goa, Jharkhand and Kerala has been slow.

(c)&(d) The Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment monitors the utilization of funds by the States/Union Territories. No instance has come to the notice of the Ministry as to the diversion of funds by the States/Union Territories.